AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims

with the same numbers respectively:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): An image data administration

apparatus comprising:

a data communication unit connected to at least one terminal

equipment of a customer and at least one photographic printer via a

network;

an image data memory for memorizing a plurality of image data

with respect to each customer transmitted from the terminal

equipment;

an image information memory for memorizing a keyword ~~at least~~

~~one information attached~~ associated with and transmitted with each

image data;

an image data selector for selecting [[all]] image data ~~having~~

~~a specific information among~~ associated with a specific keyword

from the image data memorized in the image data memory when the

specific ~~information~~ keyword transmitted from the terminal

equipment of the customer is received; and

an index image data processor for forming an index image data in which a plurality of thumbnail images corresponding to the image data selected by the image data selector ~~or selected by the customer~~ are arranged in a predetermined order and for outputting the index image data via the data communication unit to at least one of the terminal equipment of the customer and the photographic printer.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The image data administration apparatus in accordance with claim 1, further comprising: a print order processor for forming a print order file including ~~instructions to a photographic printer which is~~ <u>printing conditions</u> instructed by the customer and for transmitting the image data and the index image data with the print order file so as to <u>make the printer</u> print photographic prints corresponding to the image data and an index print corresponding to the index image data.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The image data administration apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the <u>image</u> information ~~attached with each image data includes at least one of a~~

~~predetermined~~ <u>memory further memorizing</u> date information ~~with~~

~~respect to~~ <u>of</u> a date [[at]] <u>on</u> which <u>the image of</u> the image data is

taken <u>, and the plurality of thumbnail images are arranged with</u>

<u>respect to date</u> ~~and a predetermined object information with respect~~

~~to an object in the image~~.

    Claim 4 (Currently amended): The image data administration

apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein

    the image data selector further has a function ~~secondary for~~

<u>of</u> selecting at least one <u>secondary</u> image data among the image data

having the specific ~~information corresponding to~~ <u>keyword in</u>

<u>accordance with</u> a selection <u>made</u> by the customer when the data

communication unit further receives an instruction data

~~corresponding to~~ <u>regarding</u> the selection from the terminal

equipment of the customer; and

    the index image data processor renews the index image data

~~corresponding to~~ <u>in accordance</u> the selection <u>made</u> by the customer

~~with using~~ <u>incorporating the</u> secondary ~~selected~~ image data and

outputs renewed index image data to the terminal equipment of the

customer.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The image data administration apparatus in accordance with claim 4, further comprising:

a print order processor for forming a print order file including printing conditions ~~instructions to a photographic printer which is~~ instructed by the customer and for transmitting the image data and the renewed index image data with the print order file so as to make the printer print photographic prints corresponding to the image data and an index print corresponding to the index image data.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): An image data administration system comprising an image data administration apparatus, at least one photographic printer and a network for communicating the image data administration apparatus and the photographic printer to at least one terminal equipment of a customer, wherein

the image data administration apparatus ~~further comprises~~ includes:

a first data communication unit connected to the network so as to communicate with the terminal equipment and the photographic printer;

an image data memory for memorizing a plurality of image

data with respect to each customer transmitted from the terminal

equipment;

an image information memory for memorizing ~~at least one~~

~~information attached~~ a keyword associated with and transmitted with

each image data;

a first image data selector for selecting a first set of

image data ~~having a~~ associated with a specific ~~information among~~

keyword from the image data memorized in the image data memory when

the specific ~~information~~ keyword designated by and transmitted from

the terminal equipment of the customer is received;

a first index image data processor for forming a first

index image data in which a plurality of thumbnail images

corresponding to the first set of image data are arranged in a

predetermined order and for outputting the first index image data

to the terminal equipment of the customer via the first data

communication unit;

a second image data selector ~~secondary~~ for selecting from

the image data at least one secondary image data ~~among the image~~

~~data~~ having the specific ~~information corresponding to~~ keyword in

accordance with a selection data transmitted from the terminal

equipment of the customer; and

a second index image data processor for renewing the

first index image data ~~corresponding~~ to incorporate the secondary

selected image data in accordance with the selection by the

customer ~~with using secondary selected image data~~ and for

outputting renewed index image data to the terminal equipment of

the customer; and

a print order processor for forming a print order file

including ~~instructions to a photographic printer which is~~ printing

conditions instructed by the customer and for transmitting the

image data and the renewed index image data with the print order

file and for outputting them to the photographic printer via the

first data communication unit when the second index image data are

confirmed by the customer;

the photographic printer ~~further comprises~~ includes:

a second data communication unit for receiving the image

data and the renewed index image data with the print order file

from the image data administration apparatus;

an exposing unit for exposing a sensitized surface of a

photographic paper by using the image data and the index image

data; and

a developing unit for developing the exposed photographic

paper for ~~printing~~ making photographic prints of images

corresponding to the image data and for printing an index print of

thumbnail images corresponding to the index image data.

Claim 7 (Original): The image data administration system in

accordance with claim 6, wherein the terminal equipment of the

customer has a monitor display, and a data communication unit of

the image data administration apparatus transmits the index image

data to the terminal equipment of the customer to be displayed on

the monitor display.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): The image data administration

system in accordance with claim 6, wherein the photographic printer

~~further comprises~~ includes a control unit for calculating

forecasted termination time when all the photographic prints

instructed in the print order file will be completed, and the

second data communication unit transmits the forecasted termination

time to the first data communication unit of the image data

administration apparatus.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): The image data administration

system in accordance with claim 8, wherein the terminal equipment

of the customer has a monitor display, and the first data

communication unit of the image data administration apparatus ~~re-transmits~~ transmits the calculating forecasted termination time to

the terminal equipment of the customer to be displayed on the

monitor display.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): The image data administration

system in accordance with claim 6, wherein ~~the information attached~~

~~with each image data includes at least one of a predetermined~~ the

image date memory further memorizes date information ~~with respect~~

~~to~~ of a date [[at]] on which the picture of the image data is ~~taken~~

photographed and the plurality of thumbnail images are arranged

with respect to he the dates ~~a predetermined object information~~

~~with respect to an object in the image~~.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): A method for administrating

image data comprising the steps of:

memorizing image data ~~into~~ in a specific folder in an image

data memory of an image data administration apparatus ~~corresponding~~

~~to~~ in accordance with a customer's ID ~~attached~~ associated with each

image data, when the image data are transmitted from a terminal

equipment of a customer communicated with the image data

administration apparatus via a network;

memorizing ~~at least one information attached~~ a keyword

associated with and transmitted with each image data ~~into~~ in a

specific folder in an image information memory of the image data

administration apparatus;

selecting [[all]] image data associated with a specific

keyword from ~~having a specific information among~~ the image data

memorized in the image data memory when the specific ~~information~~

keyword is transmitted from the terminal equipment of the customer;

forming an index image data in which a plurality of thumbnail

images corresponding to the selected image data are arranged in a

predetermined order; and

outputting the index image data to at least one of the

terminal equipment of the customer and a photographic printer.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): The method for administrating

image data in accordance with claim 11, further comprising the step

of forming a print order file including ~~instructions to a~~

~~photographic printer which is~~ printing conditions instructed by the

customer and for transmitting the image data and the index image

data with the print order file to the photographic printer so as to

make the printer print photographic prints corresponding to the

image data and an index print corresponding to the index image data.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): The method for administrating

image data in accordance with claim 11, wherein ~~the information~~

~~attached with each image data includes at least one of a~~

~~predetermined~~ the step for memorizing a keyword, further memorizes

a date information ~~with respect to~~ of a date [[at]] on which a

picture of the image data is taken and a predetermined object

information with respect to an object in the image.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): The method for administrating

image data in accordance with claim 11, further comprising the

steps of:

~~secondary~~ secondarily selecting at least one image data ~~among~~

from the image data ~~having the~~ associated with the specific

~~information corresponding to~~ keyword in accordance with a selection

by the customer when an instruction data ~~corresponding to~~ for the

selection is transmitted from the terminal equipment of the

customer;

renewing the index image data ~~corresponding to the selection~~ ~~by the customer with using secondary~~ <u>by incorporating the</u> <u>secondarily</u> selected image data;

and outputting the renewed index image data to the terminal equipment of the customer.

Claim 15 (Currently amended): The method for administrating image data in accordance with claim 14<u>,</u> further comprising the steps of:

forming a print order file including ~~instructions to a~~ ~~photographic printer which is~~ <u>printing conditions</u> instructed by the customer when a confirming data for confirming the renewed index image data by the customer is received; and

transmitting the image data corresponding to the images included in the renewed index image data and the renewed index image data with the print order file to the photographic printer so as to <u>make the printer</u> print photographic prints corresponding to the image data and an index print corresponding to the index image data.

Claim 16 (Currently amended): A program for administrating image data comprising the steps of:

receiving at least one image data and ~~at least one information attached~~ with each image data which are transmitted from a terminal equipment of a customer via a network;

memorizing the image data ~~into~~ in a specific folder in an image data memory corresponding to a customer's ID ~~attached~~ associated with each image data;

memorizing the ~~information into~~ data of the keyword in a specific folder in an image information memory;

receiving an instruction designating a specific ~~information~~ keyword and transmitted from the terminal equipment of the customer;

selecting ~~all the~~ image data ~~having~~ associated with the specific ~~information among~~ keyword from the image data memorized in the image data memory;

forming an index image data in which a plurality of thumbnail images corresponding to the selected image data are arranged in a predetermined order; and

outputting the index image data to the terminal equipment of the customer.

Claim 17 (Currently amended): The program for administrating image data in accordance with claim 16, further comprising the steps of:

receiving <u>from the terminal equipment of the customer</u> a instruction data including confirmation of change of the index image data ~~transmitted from the terminal equipment of the customer~~;

selecting ~~at least one~~ <u>from the</u> image data ~~among the image data having~~ <u>in the memory at least one secondary image data associated with</u> the specific ~~information corresponding to~~ <u>keyword in accordance with</u> the instruction data;

renewing the index image data ~~corresponding to~~ <u>in accordance with</u> the instruction data ~~by the customer with using secondary selected~~ <u>incorporating the secondary</u> image data; and

outputting the renewed index image data to the terminal equipment of the customer.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): The program for administrating image data in accordance with claim 17, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a <u>from the terminal equipment of the customer</u>

instruction data including confirmation with respect to the index image data and order with respect to printing of photographic prints ~~from the terminal equipment of the customer~~;

forming a print order file including instructions to a photographic printer ~~corresponding to~~ in accordance with the instruction data; and

transmitting the image data and the index image data with the print order file to the photographic printer so as to make the printer print photographic prints corresponding to the image data and an index print corresponding to the index image data.

Claim 19 (Currently amended): The program for administrating image data in accordance with claim 16, further comprising the steps of:

receiving from the terminal equipment of the customer a instruction data including confirmation or instruction of change with respect to the index image data ~~from the terminal equipment of the customer~~;

selecting from the image data at least one secondary image data ~~among the image data~~ having the specific ~~information corresponding to~~ keyword in accordance with the instruction data;

renewing the index image data ~~corresponding to~~ in accordance

with the instruction data <u>transmitted</u> by the customer ~~with using~~ <u>to</u>

<u>incorporate the</u> secondary ~~selected~~ image data;

forming a print order file including ~~instructions to a~~

~~photographic printer corresponding to~~ <u>printing conditions in</u>

<u>accordance with</u> the instruction data; and

transmitting the image data and the index image data with the

print order file to the photographic printer so as to <u>make the</u>

<u>printer</u> print photographic prints corresponding to the image data

and an index print corresponding to the index image data.

Claim 20 (Currently amended): A recording medium recording a

program for administrating image data, wherein the program

comprising the steps of:

receiving ~~at least one~~ image data and ~~at least one information~~

~~attached~~ <u>a data of a keyword associated</u> with each image data which

are transmitted from a terminal equipment of a customer via a

network;

memorizing the image data ~~into~~ <u>in</u> a specific folder in an

image data memory corresponding to a customer's ID attached with

each image data;

memorizing the ~~information into~~ the data of the keyword a

specific folder in an image information memory;

receiving an instruction designating a specific keyword

~~information transmitted~~ from the terminal equipment of the

customer;

selecting ~~all the~~ image data ~~having~~ associated with the

specific ~~information among~~ keyword in the image data memorized in

the image data memory;

forming an index image data in which a plurality of thumbnail

images corresponding to the selected image data are arranged in a

predetermined order; and

outputting the index image data to the terminal equipment of

the customer.

Claim 21 (Currently amended): The recording medium recording

the program for administrating image data in accordance with claim

20, wherein the program further comprising the steps of:

receiving from the terminal equipment of the customer [[a]] an

instruction data including ~~confirmation~~ an instruction [[of]] to

change [[of]] the index image data ~~transmitted from the terminal~~

~~equipment of the customer~~;

selecting <u>from the image data</u> at least one <u>secondary</u> image
data ~~among the image data having~~ <u>associated with</u> the specific
~~information corresponding to~~ <u>keyword designated by</u> the instruction
data;

renewing the index image data ~~corresponding to~~ <u>in accordance</u>
<u>with</u> the instruction data [[by]] <u>from</u> the customer <u>in incorporating</u>
<u>the</u> ~~with using~~ secondary ~~selected~~ image data; and

outputting the renewed index image data to the terminal
equipment of the customer.

Claim 22 (Currently amended): The recording medium recording
the program for administrating image data in accordance with claim
21, wherein the program further comprising the steps of:

receiving <u>from the terminal equipment of the customer</u> a
instruction data including confirmation with respect to the index
image data and order with respect to printing of photographic
prints ~~from the terminal equipment of the customer~~;

forming a print order file including instructions to a
photographic printer ~~corresponding to~~ <u>in accordance with</u> the
instruction data; and

transmitting the image data and the index image data with the

print order file to the photographic printer so as to <u>make the
printer</u> print photographic prints ~~corresponding to~~ <u>in accordance
with</u> the image data and an index print corresponding to the index
image data.

Claim 23 (Currently amended): The recording medium recording
the program for administrating image data in accordance with claim
20, wherein the program further comprising the steps of:

receiving a instruction data including confirmation or
<u>instruction of</u> change with respect to the index image data ~~from the
terminal equipment of the customer~~;

selecting at least one image data ~~among the image data~~ having
the specific ~~information corresponding to~~ <u>keyword from the image
data in accordance with</u> the instruction data;

renewing the index image data ~~corresponding to~~ <u>in accordance
with</u> the instruction data [[by]] <u>from</u> the customer ~~with using~~
<u>incorporating the</u> secondary ~~selected~~ image data;

forming a print order file including instructions to a
photographic printer ~~corresponding to~~ <u>in accordance with</u> the
instruction data; and

transmitting the image data and the index image data with the

print order file to the photographic printer so as to <u>make the</u>

<u>printer</u> print photographic prints corresponding to the image data

and an index print corresponding to the index image data.